

# GWINNETT COUNTY Connection

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## United States® Census 2020

### Join the Census Bureau and earn money while helping your community

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the nation – including Gwinnett County – to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Jobs include census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. The Census Bureau offers up to \$20 per hour for census takers, flexible hours, weekly paychecks, and paid training.

The U.S. Constitution requires a head count of the country every 10 years. The census results are used by government and the private sector for multiple purposes, including:

- Redistricting at the national, state, and local level
- Distributing billions of dollars in federal and state funds
- Analyzing local economic and demographic trends
- Planning investments and local risks
- Land use planning
- Planning transportation projects
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children

To learn more about job details and how to apply, visit [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).



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[www.GwinnettCounty.com](http://www.GwinnettCounty.com).

## AROUND GWINNETT



### Celebrate Park and Recreation Month by playing at a park

July is National Park and Recreation Month and the County's Parks and Recreation team has several events to help get you outdoors for play, relaxation, and rejuvenation.

The County's award-winning parks system has 50 recreation areas that offer a wide range of opportunities for enjoying the fresh air, including trails for walking, bicycling, and horseback riding, playgrounds for kids, dog parks for pups, ballfields and courts for the athletically inclined, pools for swimmers and youngsters, senior centers for older people, and recreation centers for everyone. For more information, visit [www.gwinnettcountry.com](http://www.gwinnettcountry.com).

### Water Resources' Consumer Confidence Report now available

The annual Consumer Confidence Report containing important information about the quality of your drinking water is now available. The report details results of state and federally mandated tests for various contaminants. In 2018, there were no EPA *Safe Drinking Water Act* violations to report. View the report and learn more about your drinking water at [www.gwinnettwaterwords.com](http://www.gwinnettwaterwords.com).

### Register early at your child's new school

Our friends at Gwinnett County Public Schools asked us to share a reminder that if you're new to Gwinnett and need to register your child for school or if your child is changing schools due to a move, summer is the best time to register.

All Gwinnett County Public Schools locations will register students from 9:00am to 4:00pm on July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, and 25. Use "School Look-up" ([bit.ly/GCPSSchoolLocator](http://bit.ly/GCPSSchoolLocator)) if you're unsure which school your child will attend. Start registration online ([bit.ly/19-20OnlineRegisGCPS](http://bit.ly/19-20OnlineRegisGCPS)), then go to the school to submit required records and information to complete registration on designated days. The school year starts Monday, August 5.

### County offices closed Independence Day

County government offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day, except for operations required for the comfort and safety of residents. All offices will resume regular working hours Friday, July 5. A Magistrate Court judge will be available at the Detention Center. Independence Day is not a trash holiday in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

Gwinnett County Government hosts many events, classes, and workshops for its residents. See these and more at [www.gwinnettcountryevents.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryevents.com).

#### Patriotic Sing-a-Long & Sundaes

July 2 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
Bethesda Park Senior Center  
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville

#### Ice Cream Social

July 3 from 11:00am – 1:00pm  
OneStop Centerville  
3025 Bethany Church Road, Snellville

#### Adopt-a-Stream Bacterial Workshop | FREE!

July 11 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Mountain Park Activity Center  
1063 Rockbridge Road Southwest, Stone Mountain

#### Aquatic Think Tank

July 13 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
West Gwinnett Park Aquatic Center  
4488 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross

#### Stargazing

July 20 from 9:30pm – 11:00pm  
Harbins Park Luke Edwards Road entrance  
2995 Luke Edwards Road, Dacula

#### Monday Movie Matinee

July 22 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Bethesda Park Senior Center  
225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville

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Questions about your water bill?  
Call 678.376.6700.



## Gwinnett opens addition to Club Drive Park

Gwinnett County officials recently unveiled improvements to a neighborhood park across the street from Club Drive Park near Lawrenceville.

The neighborhood park sits on 2.3 acres adjacent to the 25.5-acre main park. The project, the second phase in developing the park, includes a new parking lot accessed from Rolling Ridge Road with 35 parking spaces and a half-acre lawn surrounded by a paved walking loop.

Other amenities include swing sets, bike racks, a picnic shelter with tables and grill, a restroom facility, adult swings, and an overlook deck with seating. A new boardwalk aligns with an existing pedestrian crossing on Club Drive, taking pedestrians to the walking loop from the Club Drive sidewalk. The site also serves as a trailhead for a planned future greenway south along Sweetwater Creek.

Improvements were funded by the 2014 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Club Drive Park, the County's 40<sup>th</sup> park, first opened in 2008. The park features a 4.75-acre lake plus a boardwalk and fishing pier structure, a gazebo, pavilion, a one-third mile paved multi-purpose trail, two half-court basketball courts, and a 13,000-square-foot playground.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Stay water safe throughout the summer

Drowning accounts for a third of all fatal accidents for children 4 or younger. SafeKids Gwinnett and Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services suggest the following pool safety rules to keep everyone safe during summer:

- Never take your eyes off children in and around water
- Tag-team responsibility for watching kids in water
- Replace missing or broken drain covers
- Learn to swim or wear an approved floatation device
- Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills
- Designate a "Water Watcher" – a responsible adult who is in charge of watching children while they are in or near water

To learn more, visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), call 678.518.4845, or email [fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:fireprograms@gwinnettcountry.com).

## PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES



### Find leaks, save water, and save money!

An undetected water leak in or around your home wastes our precious water resources and can also be costly for your wallet. Water leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water waste in an average home every year. The most common water leak around the home often involves your toilets. If your toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting more than 200 gallons of water every day!

To detect a toilet leak:

- Listen for a hissing or running water noise coming from the toilet or the tank
- Make sure the water level is no higher than 1 inch below the top of the overflow tube
- Perform a dye test in your toilet tank

To conduct a dye test on a potentially leaky toilet, just add a teaspoon of food coloring or some dye tablets in the tank. After 30 minutes without flushing, check to if any color has appeared in the bowl.

Faulty toilet flappers are one of the more common causes of leaky toilets. Over time, this inexpensive part decays. It is usually best to replace the whole flapper, a relatively easy do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time. There are numerous online tutorials about how to replace this part.

The Department of Water Resources provides free toilet leak detection kits. The kits contain dye tablets to test your toilet and a drip guide that indicates how much water is being wasted from dripping faucets. These kits are available at the customer service counter at DWR's Central Facility. To have one mailed to you, email [dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrconserve@gwinnettcountry.com) or call 678.376.6722.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

### Receive your property tax bill by email

You don't have to wait for the mail to get your property tax bill. You can sign up to have it emailed to you. Please visit [www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com), click the "Go Paperless" button, then follow the instructions on the bottom of the page to sign up.

## CHECK IT OUT

### Summer reading at the library

Studies show that children and teens who stop reading over the summer months can drop up to a full grade level in reading ability. Join the Summer Reading Program at your library to help your child improve their reading skills and discourage the summer slide.

To participate in the program, track the time you spend reading or complete some of our summer challenges to earn rewards. The more time you spend reading, the more prizes you can win. This year, prizes include tickets to a Gwinnett Stripers game, plush robots, free books, and free kids' meals from Texas Roadhouse. There are also prize drawings for telescopes, drones, gift cards to Dave and Buster's and the movies for kids and teens, and a personal story time for our youngest readers. Sign up now at <https://gwinnettpl.beanstack.org> through August 12.

### Department of Water Resources

2019 July Water Workshops

#### Rain Barrels – Make and Take Workshop

July 13 from 10:00am – noon

Lilburn City Park, Gartrell Nash Pavilion  
76 Main Street, Lilburn

Learn to collect and store rainwater in a rain barrel for use in your landscape. A \$30 pre-payment is required to take home your new rain barrel.

#### Smart Irrigation

July 18 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center  
Conference Room C, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

Master efficient outdoor watering practices and maintenance of your irrigation system.

Three ways to register:

Visit the Events page at [www.gwinnettH2O.com](http://www.gwinnettH2O.com)  
Send an email with your name, address, and phone number to [dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dwrworkshops@gwinnettcountry.com)  
Call 678.376.7193